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1. On 1 October 1953,                      the rifle units of Division Prora had not yet returned from Berlin. Tank and artillery units equipped with T-34 tanks, SP guns and AT guns were the only units to be observed. In late September, the tank units were allegedly on Ruegen Island for exercises.                      an engineer unit of the division had moved to Schwerin. Major Mueller, who had his office in Headquarters Building No 16 was chief of staff of a unit of the division.

2. Units stationed in Prora on 31 October included an infantry regiment of about 3,000 men; artillery units in the total strength of about 4,000 men; a tank regiment of about 100 officers and 450 men equipped with 50 T-34 tanks and 20 SP guns; a motorcycle unit of about 100 men; and an engineer unit of about 200 men. Chief adviser of the tank unit was Lieutenant Colonel Novokov.

3. Transfers of units from Prora                      included the transfer of two infantry regiments (Kommand) in the strength of about 2,000 men each, to Weissenfels and Gera respectively; an SP unit of 200 men to Oranienburg; an SP unit of 150 men to Burg; a division headquarters of about 50 officers and 100 soldiers to Schwerin. The units involved took along their entire equipment. Division Prora was commanded by Colonel Beck.

1.                      Comment. The statement that the infantry units of the division have not yet returned from Berlin is wrong. The return of the units by rail was definitely observed in September 1953.                      error may have been caused by the fact that the bulk of the infantry units moved to other posts immediately after their return to Prora. The partly contradictory statements contained in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present report require clarification. This office believes that mainly artillery and tank units were stationed in Prora in October 1953. The infantry regiment possibly moved to Rostock or Schwerin, the engineer unit to Schwerin. KVP defectors had previously stated that it was intended to transfer the units mentioned.

2.                      Comment. Most of these transfers were previously reported                     . The transfer of an SP unit from Prora to Burg was reported for the first time. The SP units which moved to Oranienburg and Burg were attached to Mechanized Bereitschaft Potsdam.

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